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Via electronic filing
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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Matter 17-108 Restoring Internet Freedom

Esteemed Members of the Commission:

I am a sole practitioner. I rely on **net neutrality** for the efficient and economical conduct of my business. Like me, scores, if not hundreds, of millions of people in this country, the citizenry, rely on net neutrality to enhance their businesses and personal lives.

In 1974 the DOJ sued AT&T because the government recognized the dangers of a monopoly. That resulted in a mandate to break up AT&T on January 8, 1982, which created benefits for the population.

Now, abandoning the common sense behind the AT&T break-up, the Commission is considering bestowing what is effectively monopoly power (and considerable profits) to giant corporations already flush with cash, at the expense of its Members' very own friends, family and neighbors. It is a mistake.

Crushing net neutrality bestows no benefit on the population. And calling the effort to crush internet freedom "restoring internet freedom" smacks of the propaganda techniques that inspired "1984" and "Brave New World".

Surely you are better than that.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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